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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of Applicants or Applicants' attorneys which are or may be related to patentability of the claimed invention, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to references AA-BA which are listed on the accompanying revised PTO Form 1449. Copies of these references are submitted herewith.

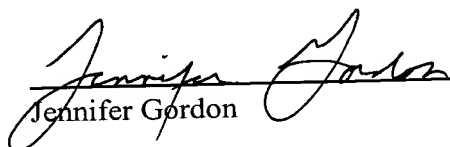
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Applicants request that the Examiner review all the references identified on the attached revised PTO Form 1449, and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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